

ABSTRACT

Legacy transactions, and their costs, meeting specified parameters may be provided through a wide area network to a processing station (e.g. a travel agency). These parameters may be airline flights leaving on a particular day from a specified originating location to a specified destination and specifying established and published fares of primary airlines. Individual transactions (e.g., airline flights and fares) may be provided to a database at the travel agency through the internet from (a) airlines other than the primary airlines in the legacy servers, (b) the primary airlines with discounted fares, (c) consolidators offering wholesale fares and (d) an Orbitz web server. A display screen at the processing station respectively displays the legacy transactions and the other transactions on first and second portions of a display screen. The database selects one of the transactions and provides for the printing of a ticket for the selected transaction at a printer at the travel agency or a printer at the legacy server and for an accounting at the travel agency or the legacy server.

A method of presenting offers of travel services is disclosed. The method may include providing a client computer having a human interface, inputting requests for details of travel services, sending requests to a global distribution system and to a server computer, translating the request into web requests, sending web requests to websites and receiving responses therefrom, and displaying responses from the websites and from the global distribution system on a single display screen. Software and hardware such as may be used for embodying the method are also disclosed.